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**CALLOWAY COUNTY MAN INDICTED BY FEDERAL
GRAND JURY FOR DRUG-TRAFFICKING AND FIREARMS CHARGES**

– Prior Conviction for Trafficking in Methamphetamine

PADUCAH, KY - A federal grand jury in Paducah returned an indictment against **ANTHONY NEIL LAX**, age 33, of 152 Seth Lane, Murray, Kentucky, in Calloway County, on charges of possession of five grams or more of methamphetamine and possession of ammunition while a convicted felon, David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

The Indictment alleges that on or about April 1, 2007 in Calloway County, Kentucky, Lax possessed five (5) grams or more of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute it. In addition, the Indictment alleges that on or about April 1, 2007 in Calloway County, Kentucky, Lax possessed approximately 500 rounds of ammunition while having prior felony convictions for manufacturing methamphetamine and possession of anhydrous ammonia with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine in Calloway Circuit Court in October 2001.

The street value of the methamphetamine is approximately \$2,400.00.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum combined potential penalties are life

imprisonment, a \$4,250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of not more than life; and the minimum potential penalties are 10 years imprisonment, and supervised release for a period of 8 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Sparks. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Calloway County Sheriff's Department, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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